

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A server for updating road information in a map information providing system ~~for which providing~~provides desired road information in accordance with a request from ~~each~~at least one of a plurality of terminal units, ~~which are~~ connected via a communication network to the server, ~~which has~~with road network data ~~information~~ constructed therein, ~~the server~~ comprising:

~~a location data receiving means for receiving present location data from each of at least one of said terminal units via said communication network, and~~

~~a road network datainformation updating means for creating locus data on the basis of said received present location data thus received to and for updateupdating said road network datainformation with said locus data.~~

2. (currently amended): The server for updating road information according to claim 1, wherein said road network datainformation updating means comprises:

~~a comparing/collating section, for which comparing/collating compares/collates the locus data of created on the basis of said present location data with said road network datainformation constructed in the server; and~~

~~a road information updating section, for which updating updates said road information constructed in the server with said locus data, when a result of comparing/collating said locus~~

data with said road information constructed in the server indicates that road network data information corresponding that corresponds to said locus data has not been defined in said road network data at the server on the basis of a result of comparing/collating.

3. (currently amended): The server for updating road information according to claim 2, wherein said road network data information updating means further comprises a road information updating decision section, ~~for deciding which decides that~~ said locus data ~~asis~~-data with which to update the road information constructed in the server, when the locus data obtained by a prescribed number of terminal units ~~have are~~ substantially the same locus similar.

4. (currently amended): A method for updating road information ~~in~~ in a map information providing system ~~for which providing~~ provides desired road information from a road network site, ~~with which has road network data information~~ constructed therein, in accordance with a request from each ~~at least one of a plurality of~~ terminal units, ~~which are~~ connected to the road network site via a communication network, ~~a method of updating road information, the method comprising:~~

~~in~~ at said road network site, receiving present location data from at least one of said terminal units via as~~aid~~ communication network;

creating locus data on the basis of the received -present location data; and

updating said road network data information constructed in said road network site on the basis of said created locus data.

5. (currently amended): The method of updating road information according to claim 4, further comprising:

comparing/collating said created locus data based on the received present location data with said road information constructed in said road network sitenetwork data; and
updating said road information constructed in said road network site with said created locus data, when a result of comparing/collating said created locus data with said road information constructed in said road network site indicates that road information corresponding that corresponds to said created locus data ishas not been previously defined as road information constructed in said road network siteas said road network data on the basis of a result of comparing/collating.

6. (currently amended): The method of updating road information according to claim 5, further comprising ~~the step of deciding that~~ said locus data asis- data with which to update the road information constructed in said road network site on the basis of comparison/collation when the locus data obtained by a prescribed number of terminal units haveare substantially the same locussimilar.

7. (currently amended): The method of updating road information according to claim 4, wherein:

map information includes node data, which is indicative of a point on a map, and link data, which is indicative of a road on the map, and

said road network site correlates said node data and said link data and transmits these correlated data as road data-information to be updated to each at least one of the terminal units according to thea request therefrom from said at least one of the terminal units.

8. (currently amended): A server program for a server for which updating updates road information in a map information providing system, for which providing provides desired road information from a road network site, with road network datainformation constructed therein in the road network site in accordance with a request from each at least one of a plurality of terminal units, which are connected to the road network site via a communication network, wherein the server program comprises comprising:

a first step of receiving present location data from each at least one of said terminal units via said communication network; and

a second step of creating locus data on the basis of the received present location data; thus received

a third step of to update updating said road network datainformation.

9. (currently amended): The server program for a server for which updating updates road information according to claim 8, wherein said second step causes a computer to execute the steps of comprising:

comparing/collating said locus data of said present location data with said road network datainformation constructed in the road network site; and

updating said road information constructed in the road network site with said locus data when a result of comparing/collating said locus data with said road data-information constructed in the road network site indicates that road information that ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to said locus data has not -been previously defined as said road network-information data on the basis of a result of comparing/collating constructed in said road network site.

10. (currently amended): The server program for a server ~~for which updating updates~~ road information according to claim 8, wherein said second step causes a computer to execute the step of deciding that said locus data as is data with which to update the road information constructed in said road network site when the locus data obtained by a prescribed number of terminal units ~~have are~~ substantially the same ~~locus~~similar.

11. (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium storing a server program for a server ~~for which updating updates~~ road information in a map information providing system, which ~~for providing~~ provides desired road information from a road network site, with road network-information data constructed therein in the road network site in accordance with a request from each ~~of~~ at least one of a plurality of terminal units, which are connected to the road network site via a communication network, wherein said sever program comprises:

a first step of receiving present location data from at least one of said each ~~of~~ terminal units via said communication network; and

a second step of creating locus data on the basis of the received present location data ~~thus received;~~

~~-a third step of to update updating said road network information data.~~

12. (currently amended): The computer-readable storage medium- storing the server program for the server ~~for which updating updates~~ road information in the map information providing system according to claim 11, wherein said second step further comprises the steps of:

comparing/collating ~~said locus data of said present location data with said road network information data constructed in the road network site; and~~

updating said road information ~~constructed in the road network site~~ with said locus data when ~~a result of comparing/collating said locus data with said road network information data constructed in the road network site indicates that road information that corresponds to said locus data has not been previously defined as said road network information data constructed in the road network site on the basis of a result of comparing/ collating.~~

13. (currently amended): The computer-readable storage medium- storing the server program for the server ~~for which updating updates~~ road information in the map information providing system according to claim 12, wherein said second step further comprises the step of deciding ~~that~~ said locus data ~~as is~~ data with which to update the road information ~~constructed in said road network site when the locus data obtained by a prescribed number of terminal units have are substantially the same locussimilar.~~